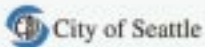


Get Involved
in Your Southwest
Neighborhood

2000

Neighborhood Plan Implementation



April 2001

Dear Community Member:

In 1999, the City Council finished the approval process for 38 neighborhood plans created by nearly 20,000 citizens. The plans identify actions needed to ensure that each neighborhood will continue to thrive and improve as Seattle grows over the next 20 years in ways that meet our commitments under the State's Growth Management Act. We are happy to report that the process of making these plans a reality is well underway.

1. The community is leading much of the activity with the help of the City's Neighborhood Matching Fund. The Fund has been tripled to \$4.5 million over the past three years. Matching the City's contribution with donated cash and volunteer labor, the community is now completing about 250 neighborhood improvement projects each year.

2. Seattle's voters have committed major funding to carry out key portions of the plans through three ballot measures. A 1998 bond measure is resulting in 27 new, expanded, or renovated branch libraries and a new Downtown library; a 1999 levy will develop 11 new or expanded community centers; and last November's levy will produce over 100 park projects throughout Seattle.

3. Most of the work, though, will result from the City's new way of doing business: a decentralization to organize the work of City government around neighborhood priorities as defined by the neighborhoods themselves. Seattle has been divided into six sectors as shown on the map to the right. Decentralization makes it easier for departments to work together and with the community.

These things combined are converting neighborhood plans into real neighborhood improvements. Action on more than 1,000 plan recommendations is already underway or completed: new public facilities, parks, and community gardens; street repair; public safety and traffic improvements; design guidelines; art projects; and much more.

While this report focuses on what's being done to fulfill the neighborhood plans in your sector, other kinds of improvements are also occurring in your sector and throughout Seattle. The report lists community and City contact people for key projects in the hope that you will want to join in making your neighborhood the best possible place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Paul Schell
Mayor of Seattle

Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council
Neighborhoods, Sustainability and
Community Development Committee Chair

Southwest

- Admiral
- Alaska Junction
- Morgan Junction
- Westwood/Highland Park
- Delridge
- South Park
- Georgetown
- Greater Duwamish Manufacturing & Industrial Center



New planting strip at Cesar Chavez Park.

Southwest Sector

Projects Completed

Parks, Arts, and Culture

1. **Cesar Chavez Park** — SeaTran completed work on a new planting strip adjacent to Cesar Chavez Park that will prevent people from parking cars on park property. The community plans to install artwork on the planting strip.
2. **Georgetown Open Space** — Seattle Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Metropolitan King County, the Land Conservancy, and the City's Opportunity Fund, acquired the property at 6400 Corson Avenue South, to provide open space in the heart of Georgetown. Design work has begun and development is funded through the Pro Parks levy.



Georgetown Open Space

Transportation

3. **Hiawatha Community Center Access** — Four hundred feet of new sidewalk and two new entryways were completed at Hiawatha Community Center through a combined effort of SeaTran and Seattle Parks and Recreation.
4. **California Avenue Sidewalk Replacement** — SeaTran and Seattle City Light worked with the West Seattle Junction Association to replace all sidewalks and add new pedestrian lighting, benches, and landscaped curb-bulbs on California Avenue SW at the Alaska Junction.
5. **Sidewalks in South Park** — SeaTran completed an important half block of new sidewalk and additional spot repair work on 14th Avenue South. Many of the sections replaced were cracked, heaved, or otherwise damaged.
6. **Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail** — A portion of the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail was completed as part of the renovation of the Denny Field Complex. The Westwood neighborhood has received a Neighborhood Matching Fund award to complete plans for the trail and begin construction.



Pedestrian access to Hiawatha Community Center was improved last year.

Design

7. **Delridge South Node Implementation Plan** — The Delridge neighborhood completed an implementation plan and strategy for Delridge's South Node, with help from the Delridge Neighborhood Development Association, Seattle Office of Housing, Department of Neighborhoods, and the Washington Community Development Loan Fund.
8. **Yancy Street Project** — The Yancy Street Project has transformed a blackberry patch and homeless camp into a trail and open space along Longfellow Creek near the steel mill.
9. **Webster Street Detention Pond** — Recent completion of the Webster Street Detention Project will reduce erosion in Longfellow Creek. The Delridge/Graham/Willow portion of the project, including trail improvements, is scheduled for 2001.



California Avenue Sidewalk Replacement

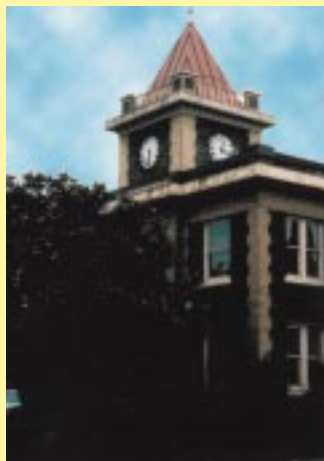


A stairway at Denny Field is part of the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.

Projects in Progress

Community Design

1. **Admiral Design Guidelines** — The Department of Design, Construction and Land Use (DCLU) is working with neighbors and businesses to develop a set of design guidelines specific to Admiral. The neighborhood will use Early Implementation Fund money to develop plans for streetscape improvements that are consistent with the new guidelines. The guidelines will go before Council for approval in the first half of 2001.



Old Georgetown City Hall

2. **Alaska Junction Design Guidelines** — DCLU is working with neighbors and businesses to develop a set of design guidelines specific to the Alaska Junction business district. Guidelines will be presented to the City Council for consideration and approval later this year.

Libraries for All

3. **South Park Library** — Testament to the persistence and hard work of the planning group and the entire community, South Park will be getting a new full service branch library. The Seattle Public Library is working with the neighborhood on site selection and the schedule for construction.
4. **Delridge Library** — A new branch library will be co-located with new affordable housing at 5411 Delridge Way SW, next door to Brandon Court, a mixed-use project that houses the Delridge Neighborhood Service Center. The Delridge Neighborhood Development Association developed both projects.



A new Delridge branch library and affordable housing will be constructed next door to Brandon Court.

Community Centers

5. **New Gymnasium** — Southwest Community Center will get a new gymnasium, thanks to the voter-approved Seattle Center/Community Centers Levy. This is a long awaited addition to the heavily used community center.

Public Facilities

6. **Old Georgetown City Hall** — Efforts are underway to renovate the historic Georgetown City Hall for community use. The 2002/2003 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$1.2 million for preliminary evaluation of the building and its renovation for eventual community use.

Transportation

7. **Occidental Paving** — SeaTran will use Early Implementation Fund money to pave a key section of Occidental Avenue South to improve access for businesses in the industrial area and prevent dust in the summer and flooding in the fall and winter months. This project will be completed by March 2001.
8. **Admiral Neighborhood Transportation Center** — Support from the Mayor and City Council could make Admiral the first location for a neighborhood transportation center, a key element of the Mayor's Transportation Blueprint. A transportation center at 2346 42nd Avenue SW would be a cooperative effort between local business owners, the private developer, and the neighborhood plan stewardship group. Many details are yet to be settled but the project would be a welcome replacement for lost parking, a location for Flexcars, and a transfer point for Metro riders.

Public Safety

9. **Duwamish Public Safety** — The business community in the Greater Duwamish Manufacturing and Industrial Center has used Early Implementation Fund dollars to develop a crime-prevention and education program run by the Seattle Neighborhood Group. Currently Seattle police are using space donated by Salvin Manufacturing at 5505 1st Avenue South.
10. **Southwest Precinct** — A West Seattle police precinct facility has been designed and sited at the south node of Delridge neighborhood, near the K-Mart on Delridge Way SW; construction will begin in 2001.

Arts and Culture

11. **Cesar Chavez Park** — The community is working with a local architect and a well-known artist to create art to honor Cesar Chavez at the intersection of 7th Avenue South & South Cloverdale Street. A Neighborhood Matching Fund award will fund an initial site plan as well as a public outreach effort. Metropolitan King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz, a long-time supporter of the site's development, contributed part of the match.

If you want to get involved in a Southwest Sector project

Future Projects

Pro Parks Levy Projects

1. Lincoln Park Annex — Development of passive open space and a community garden is planned at the Lincoln Annex section of Lincoln Park in the Morgan Junction neighborhood. After an extensive public process, the neighborhood adopted a plan that includes an orchard, P-Patch garden, passive open space, walking trails, a viewpoint, and public art.
2. Georgetown Playfield — Renovation of the Georgetown Playfield, including field surface improvements, is planned. Currently the playfield has a dirt surface that creates a great deal of dust. The neighborhood has long advocated improvements to the field similar to those at the Queen Anne Bowl.
3. Delridge Open Space — Seattle Parks and Recreation will acquire new land for open space in the Delridge neighborhood. As part of this project, Seattle Parks and Recreation will work to acquire the "Sand Pits" property, which would preserve a key section of open space. The acquisition will also allow for the development of the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.
4. Community Computer Lab — A computer lab for community members, with programs for local students and seniors, will be located in the Southwest Community Center.

Community Contacts

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Westwood/Highland Park, Gary Sink	937-1971

City of Seattle Contacts

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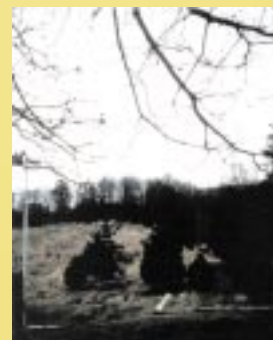
Neighborhood Matching Fund, Dave Bockman	684-0717
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Delridge Neighborhood Service Center, Ron Angeles	684-7416
Greater Duwamish Neighborhood Service Center, Glenn Harris	233-2044
West Seattle Neighborhood Service Center, Stan Lock	233-2045

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Paving on Occidental Avenue South improved access to the industrial businesses.



Passive open space and a community garden are planned for Lincoln Park Annex.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities provided upon request.
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